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Rep. Hintz Statement on Redistricting Ruling

Madison – Today, in response to a federal judge panel that ruled redistricting maps drawn in secret by Republicans an “unconstitutional political gerrymander”, Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement:

“Today’s ruling is an overwhelming victory for Wisconsin voters. The citizens of our state have demonstrated their shifting opinions over the years by voting for candidates and majorities of both parties. These unconstitutional maps drawn in 2011 represent a direct attack on that freedom, and a successful attempt by Republicans to avoid responsiveness and accountability to their own constituents. Now that it is clear that these actions were unconstitutional, I am hopeful that the courts will move forward in implementing maps that will better represent the geography of our state and the will of its people.”

The partisan maps drawn by Wisconsin Republicans resulted in the majority of legislative districts being composed of very safe Republican or Democratic seats, leaving voters with very little choice. This 10-year map for the Legislature has so far been effective in preserving Republican control, even in elections where statewide Republicans won far fewer votes than Democrats. In addition to gerrymandered redistricting, Republicans have pushed through the following initiatives to circumvent public input and accountability:

- Legislation to exempt politicians from John Doe corruption investigations.
- A bill crippling Wisconsin’s campaign finance laws and essentially allowing unlimited dark money in Wisconsin Elections, increasing the amount of political junk mail, commercials, and robocalls flooding Wisconsin households.
- Dismantling the state’s ethics watchdog, the Government Accountability Board, and replacing it with political appointees.
- Repealing civil service laws and protections.
- Restrictive and confusing Voter ID laws and attempts to limit early in-person and absentee voting.

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